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(*a*) whether the Government have received memorials and petitions from responsible people as to the strained relationship between the Nattars and Adi-Dravidas in the Ramnad district during the past four months; and

(*b*) whether the Government have taken any action on these representations?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) Two petitions were received from certain persons on the subject and they were transferred to the District Magistrate of Ramnad for such action as he might consider necessary.

Rao Sahib V. I. MUNISWAMI PILLAI:—"May I know from the hon. the Home Member when these petitions were received and when they were forwarded to the District Magistrate of Ramnad?"

The hon. Sir MAHOMED USMAN:—"I think one was received in February and the other in June."

Police

Result of the investigation by the Police into the find of a pistol in the Council Chamber, Fort St. George.

* 108 *Q.*—Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) what the result is of the investigation by the police into the find of the pistol in the premises of the Council Chamber of this Council some time back; and

(*b*) whether the ownership of the pistol has been traced to any person; if so, why no action has been taken against the said person till now?

A.—(*a*) No clue has been found.

(*b*) (i) No.

(ii) Does not arise.

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI:—"May I know the number of the pistol?"

The hon. Sir MAHOMED USMAN:—"I am unable to answer it now."

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI:—"Is the hon. Home Member aware that every pistol has got a number?"

The hon. Sir MAHOMED USMAN:—"I am thankful to the hon. Member for the information."

Apprehension of the culprits concerned in the revolver incident at the Council Chamber, Fort. St. George.

* 109 *Q.*—Mr. G. R. PREMAYYA: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the police have till now been able to trace out the culprit or culprits who placed a loaded revolver in the Governor's Box during the last session of the Council;

(*b*) what the steps are that have been taken by the police till now to find out the offenders; and